

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER, ART UNIT 3624**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Denton, et al. Atty. Docket No.: BUR920030198US1

Serial No.: 10/707,979 Group Art Unit: 3624

Filed: January 29, 2004 Examiner: Fleischer, Mark

For: **A METHOD FOR CONSIDERING HIERARCHICAL PREEMPTIVE DEMAND PRIORITIES IN A SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION MODEL**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the After-Final Office Action dated **August 4, 2009**, setting a three-month statutory period for response, please consider this timely filed Amendment in the above-identified application as follows: